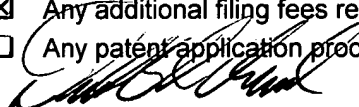
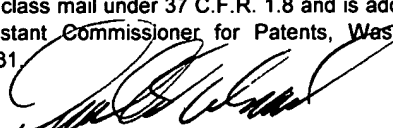
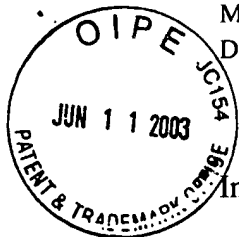


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> DDM00-031	
Applicant(s): Spencer Andrew Meister and David Alan Tracy					
Serial No. 09/644,594	Filing Date JUN 11 2003 August 23, 2000	Examiner Butler, Michael E.		Group Art Unit 2456	
Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING ITEMS OF VALUE IN COOPERATION WITH OPERATION OF A COMPANION DEVICE</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$96.00</b>
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Donald D. Mondul Reg. No. 29,957 Attorney for Applicants			<div style="text-align:center"><b>RECEIVED</b> JUN 16 2003 <b>GROUP 3600</b></div> <div style="border:1px solid black; padding:5px; margin-top:10px;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on Jun 7, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.  Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence <b>Donald D. Mondul</b> Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div>		
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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 8, 2003, please amend the above  
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for use [dispensing at least one indicium of value] in cooperation with operation of an attached companion device; [for] said attached companion device delivering at least one first product [to] purchased by a user [substantially contemporaneously with said dispensing]; said user initiating said purchase by conveying payment to said companion device and exercising an actuator; the apparatus comprising:

- (a) a control means for controlling [said dispensing] the apparatus in dispensing at least one indicium of value in response to said exercising;
- (b) a providing means for effecting said dispensing; said providing means being coupled with said control means and responsive to said control means; and